

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims have been amended as follows: Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.

1 - 40 (Canceled)

41. (Currently amended) A method for removing a biofilm from a surface, which comprises the step of contacting said surface with a composition comprising an effective dislodging amount of a detergent and an effective dislodging amount of ~~an acid or a salt of an acid, a salt-forming acid~~, said salt being capable of displacing divalent cations present in the structure of said biofilm, with the proviso that said composition is not a mixture achieving an aqueous final concentration of about 1% to about 2% SDS ~~1%—2%~~ and about 1% EDTA ~~1%~~, or about 1% to about 2% SDS ~~1%—2%~~ and mandelic and lactic acids, each at an individual concentration of about 1% or in a combined concentration of about 2%, for a time sufficient to ~~dislodge~~ dislodge said biofilm, all percentages representing weight per volume concentrations.

42. (Currently amended) A method as defined in claim 41, wherein said composition further ~~comprising~~ comprises an effective bactericidal amount of a bactericide.

43. (Original) A method as defined in claim 41, wherein said detergent is SDS, which achieves, once reconstituted in an aqueous solution, a concentration of at least about 0.1 % or any detergent having a biofilm dislodging potency substantially equivalent thereto.

44. (Original) A method as defined in claim 43, wherein said equivalent detergent is CPC or CPB at a concentration of at least about 0.5%.

45. (Original) A method as defined in claim 42, wherein said detergent is SDS, which achieves, once reconstituted in an aqueous solution, a concentration of at least about 0.1 % or any detergent having a biofilm dislodging potency substantially equivalent thereto.